

**BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Benton, Illinois 62812**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**October 17, 2024**

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mark Minor opened in prayer and Marci Glover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Robin LaBuwi, Stacia Sloan, Shane Cockrum and Jay Copple.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Parker Johnson, Student Council Representative.

#### **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

##### **4.1 Student Disciplinary Case**

Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Student Disciplinary Case. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; and Sean Docherty entered into an Executive Session in the Benton Consolidated High School Board Room at 5:32 P.M.

**Open Session** - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:49 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, and Mark Minor – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Parker Johnson, Student Council Representative.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 Possible Student Disciplinary Action** Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Resolution Regarding Expulsion expelling student #103007282 commencing October 17, 2024 and ending October 16, 2026. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made apart of these minutes.

#### **6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

##### **6.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel**

##### **6.2 Purchase or Lease of Real Property**

##### **6.3 The Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office or to Fill a Vacancy in a Public Office**

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Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel, the Purchase or Lease of Real Property and Selection of Person to Fill a Public Office or Fill a Vacancy in a Public Office. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:52 P.M.

**Open Session** - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:48 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Mark Minor – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Stacia Sloan – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Parker Johnson, Student Council Representative; and Jennie Ren, Student Council Representative.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**7.1 Approve Minutes: Public Budget Hearing Minutes, September 19, 2024**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2024**  
**Executive Board Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2024**

**7.2 Approve Financial Report (September 2024)**

**7.3 Approve Payment of Bills (September 2024)**

**7.4 Approve Nursing/Engineering Field Trip to Murray State University, Nov. 1, 2024**

**7.5 Review/Approve Surplus Property (ENCL A)**

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes and Mark Minor – yes. Motion Carried.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS**

***Mr. Johnson commented on the following:***

- Varsity girl's locker rooms is near completion.
- RHG sound system upgrades start Friday. Speakers are built and will be installed within the next couple of weeks.
- New key fobs are operational. New key cores have been ordered.
- Building committee took a tour of the school and are discussing future plans.
- BCHS application for School Maintenance Project Grant will be on the November agenda for approval.
- BCHS school publication is still in the works and hoping for the first publication January 2025. Staff is asked to share stories and publication name ideas.
- Fall enrollment update

***Mr. Docherty provided a written report.***

***Mr. Garner shared a monthly athletic newsletter to staff and board members emails.***



**9. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

**10. OLD BUSINESS**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**11.1 Assignment of Personnel** Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the leave request from Molly Uhles as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to accept the resignation of Brent McLain as Cross-Country Head Coach, effective October 1, 2024. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

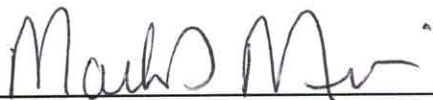
**11.2 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions** Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the posting of Stipend Athletic Positions as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

**11.3 Approve Title IX Appellate Decision Maker**

**11.4 Approve Board Member Appointment to Fill Vacant Seat** Jay Copple made a motion to appoint Mitch Bennett to fill a Board Member Vacancy. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll all vote, all members present voted as follows: Jay Copple – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Stacia Sloan – no, Marci Glover – yes, and Robin LaBuwi – yes. Motion carried.

**12. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT** Robin LaBuwi made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.



BOARD PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY